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SUBJECT: LIBERAL PARTY HOLDS QUIET CONVENTION

1. THE LIBERAL PARTY OF THE LIKUD HELD A BRIEF CONVENTION ON FEBRUARY 20 TO DECIDE ON A PROCEDURE FOR CHOOSING ITS NOMINATIONS FOR THE LIKUD LIST TO BE OFFERED THE VOTERS ON MAY 17. THE 780 DELEGATES BEAT BACK A MOTION BY A FACTION CALLING ITSELF THE "YOUNG LIBERAL PARTY IDEOLOGICAL CIRCLE," WHICH WANTED THE CONVENTION TO DRAW UP THE LIST, AND INSTEAD AGREED THAT THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE WOULD MAKE THE SELECTIONS.THE DELEGATES APPROVED A MOTION BY PARTY LEADER SIMHA ERLICH THAT 20 PERCENT OF THE PARTY'S LIST BE RESERVED TO ENSURE EQUAL REPRESENTATION OF ALL SECTORS OF THE PARTY. COMMENT: ERLICH IS NOW RECOGNIZED AS THE UNDISPUTED LEADER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY AND WILL HAVE AN ASSURED NUMBER ONE POSITION ON ITS LIST.

2. IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE BALLYHOO SURROUNDING LABOR'S CONVENTION, THE LIBERAL PARTY'S MEETING WAS WITHOUT FAN-
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FARE OR PRIOR PUBLICITY. THE PARTY'S REGULAR QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION TOOK PLACE IN NOVEMBER 1975 AT WHICH TIME THE PARTY'S PLATFORM WAS ADOPTED AND ITS LEADERSHIP CHOSEN (TEL AVIV A-221, DECEMBER 9, 1975).

3.ON ANOTHER STAGE, HILLEL SEIDEL, FORMER ILP MK WHO BOLTED HIS PARTY (TEL AVIV 0877) AND THEN JOINED THE LIKUD

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AS HEAD OF A NEW INDEPENDENT PARTY CALLED ACHDUT
HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL JOIN THE LIBERAL PARTY (STILL
REMAINING IN THE LIKUD) FOLLOWING THE MAY 17 ELECTION.
COMMENT: SEIDEL'S ENTERING THE LIKUD AS A PARTY ENSURES
HIM OF A SAFE POSITION ON THE LIKUD MAY 17 KNESSET LIST,
WHICH WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE THE CASE IF HE WERE TO JOIN
THE LIBERAL PARTY AT THIS TIME.
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